

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- BLUE BIRD TRAIL - MODERATE — 1.25 miles. Forest and Field Trail in Paynetown State Recreation Area.
- TREE TREK TRAIL - EASY — 0.5 mile. Forest Ecosystem Interpretive Trail in Paynetown State Recreation Area.
- TURKEY TROT TRAIL - MODERATE — 1.75 miles. Hike-In/ Boat-In Camping Area in Allen’s Creek State Recreation Area.
- WHITETAIL TRAIL - MODERATE — 1 mile. Access Trail for Walk-In Visitors at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

- BEACH** — Swimming is available during open hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day at the beaches in Paynetown and Fairfax Recreation areas. Modern bathhouses at both locations provide showers, dressing facilities, restrooms, and food concessions for visitors to the lake. Swimming during unguarded times from sunrise to sunset is at your own risk. No swimming from sunset to sunrise.
- BOAT RAMPS** — Available at nine (9) locations. Boat launch ramps are not marked on the map but are listed under the facilities for the State Recreation Areas on the map side.
- CAMPING** — A total of 312 campsites are available consisting of 222 Class A sites (modern) with electricity, modern restrooms and showers, picnic table and grills. 90 Class B sites. Occupancy limited to two (2) consecutive weeks. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.
- FISHING** — Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, walleye and hybrid stripers provide the most activity for fishermen. State license required and available at lake office.
- HIKING** — Easy to moderate marked trails are available for hiking all year. Off road uses of vehicles, bicycles and horses are not permitted.
- HUNTING** — All hunters are required to register at check-in stations daily. Hunting in Waterfowl Resting Areas by special permit only. Deer, grouse, turkey, squirrels, doves and rabbits are the primary game species. Excellent waterfowl hunting is available during the season. Waterfowl hunting information available at Paynetown visitor center. Read and obey all signs.
- INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE** — Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available on the website at [www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/) or call (812) 837-9967. (Seasonal)
- MARINA** — Seasonal mooring on docks or buoys is available at Paynetown, Moore’s Creek, Cutright and Fairfax Recreation areas. Other services provided at Fairfax, Cutright and Paynetown Marinas include fuel, food concessions and rental boats. Paynetown and Fairfax provide pump-out stations.
- OTHER ACTIVITIES** — the varied topography and heavily wooded areas of the property provide numerous opportunities for hiking, observing birds and animals, and collecting berries, nuts and mushrooms.

THIS IS YOUR LAKE

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife resources and for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A person must not conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs except under a license.
- A person must not launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or another floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. A watercraft shall not be left unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one (1) day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas. 25 m.p.h. maximum.
- A person must not possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Scuba by permit only.
- Use of metal detectors is by permit only.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at property office.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Picnicking is available in a number of areas, most containing tables, grills, toilet facilities, a playfield and shelter. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.camp.IN.gov](http://www.camp.IN.gov)  
**1-866-6campIN**  
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com)  
**1-877-lodges1**  
(1-877-563-4371)



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your property clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Write:** Monroe Lake  
4850 South State Road 446  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401  
**Call:** (812) 837-9546

**DNR**  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[www.IN.gov/dnr](http://www.IN.gov/dnr)

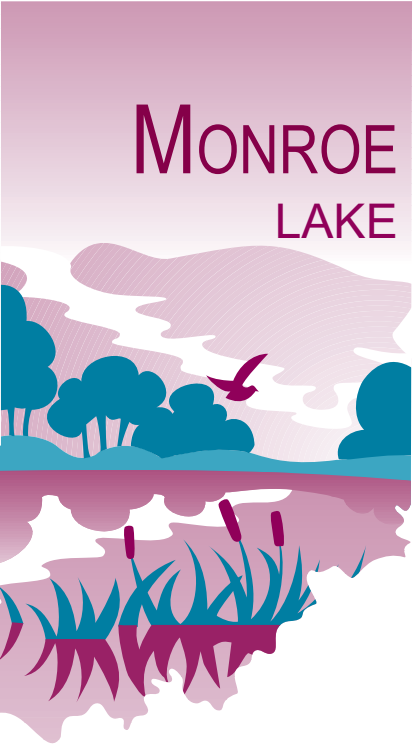
SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

The Programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

MONROE LAKE



Monroe Lake is located in south central Indiana, about ten miles south and east of Bloomington. The dam is on Salt Creek, a tributary of the East Fork of White River. The lake area lies in Monroe County with a smaller area in Brown and Jackson Counties. Monroe Lake is accessible from State Roads 37, 46, 446 and 50 by way of many local roads. As the largest body of water in Indiana it provides a wide range of multiple-use recreational and scenic opportunities.

Monroe is nestled into the rolling hills and woodlands of south central Indiana. A number of other state and federal recreational areas surround the property including Morgan Monroe, Yellowwood and Jackson-Washington state forests. In addition, the Hoosier National Forest, including Deam Wilderness Area, surrounds a large part of the area. Just minutes away are Brown County and McCormick’s Creek state parks, which attract thousands of

visitors each year during the fall foliage season. Take a step back in time and visit the unique town of Nashville, known for its fine artists and craftsmen, or drive into Bloomington and experience the Indiana University campus firsthand. Limestone quarries, abundant in the area south of Monroe provide building stone worldwide and offer a most interesting tourist attraction. The entire area with its rolling topography, bluffs, scenic streams, and heavily wooded sections offer outstanding scenic vistas as well as numerous recreational opportunities.

PURPOSE AND PROJECT HISTORY

Monroe lake is operated primarily for flood control and low flow augmentation in the Salt Creek and White River watersheds. The project also forms an integral unit of the comprehensive flood control plan for the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The lake is maintained at or near permanent pool level except when flood waters are stored for flood control. In addition, the main functions of the property include resource management, recreation, and water supply to surrounding communities. The lake area was developed in accordance with a long range program and provides for a beneficial use of reservoir lands, fish and wildlife resources, and an opportunity for outdoor activities associated with large bodies of water.

Monroe Lake was selected for construction under the general authorization for flood control in an Act of Congress approved July 3, 1958. Constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Indiana contributed 54.1 percent of the projects cost. The project was dedicated in October 1964 and opened in 1966. Monroe Lake and environs comprise a total of 23,952 acres. Of this amount 23,508 acres are leased to the State of Indiana for management with the remaining 444 acres owned by the State. At the summer pool level of 538 feet above sea level, 10,750 acres of water form the lake. The land areas, consisting of 13,202 acres in Monroe, Brown and Jackson counties, are managed for wildlife and recreational uses. Over 1.5 million visitors come to Monroe Lake annually.